

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) Device for grinding workpieces by means of abrasive granules, having a container and a disk rotating relative to the container, wherein in an upwardly and radially inwardly tapering upper area of the container are provided ribs having at least one extension component in the rotation direction of the disk as well as at least one vertical extension component, the ribs being arranged to guide the abrasive granules along the rib inwardly towards a center of the container.
2. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 5, wherein the ribs at least also have a vertical extension component.
3. (Original) Device according to claim 1, wherein the ribs are arcuate.
4. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 1, wherein the ribs have an edge directed inwardly towards the center of the container.
5. (Currently Amended) Device ~~according to claim 1~~ for grinding workpieces by means of abrasive granules, having a container and a disk rotating relative to the container, wherein in an upper area of the container are provided ribs with at least one extension component in the rotation direction of the disk, wherein adjacent ribs enter a common concave edge.
6. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 5, wherein the area of the container having the ribs tapers away.

7. (Original) Device according to claim 1, wherein the ribs are substantially triangular in cross-section.

8. (Original) Device according to claim 1, wherein a top part of the container carrying the ribs is rotatable relative to the remaining container.

9. (Previously Presented) Top part for a container having ribs at least in a partial area of a device for grinding workpieces by means of abrasive granules, the device having a disk rotating relative to the container, wherein in an upper area of the container there are ribs having at least one extension component in the rotation direction of the disk as well as at least one vertical extension component, the ribs being arranged to guide the abrasive granules along the rib inwardly towards a center of the container.

10. (Previously Presented) Top part according to claim 13, wherein the ribs have at least one vertical extension component.

11. (Original) Top part according to claims 9, wherein the ribs are arcuate.

12. (Previously Presented) Top part according to claim 9, wherein the ribs have an edge directed inwardly towards the center of the container.

13. (Currently Amended) Top part for a container having ribs at least in a partial area of a device for grinding workpieces by means of abrasive granules, the device

having a disk rotating relative to the container, wherein in an upper area of the container there are ribs with at least one extension component in the rotation direction of the disk, wherein adjacent ribs enter a common, concave edge.

14. (Original) Top part according to claim 9, wherein the ribs are substantially triangular in cross-section.

15. (Previously Presented) Top part according to claim 13, wherein the area of the container having the ribs tapers away.

16. (Previously Presented) Top part according to claim 9, wherein said top part is adapted to be connected in rotary manner with a residual container of the grinding device.

17. (Previously Presented) Top part according to claims 13, wherein the ribs are arcuate.

18. (Previously Presented) Top part according to claim 13, wherein the ribs have an edge directed inwardly towards the center of the container.

19. (Previously Presented) Top part according to claim 13, wherein the ribs are substantially triangular in cross-section.

20. (Previously Presented) Top part according to claim 13, wherein said top part is

adapted to be connected in rotary manner with a residual container of the grinding device.

21. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 5, wherein the ribs are arcuate.

22. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 5, wherein the ribs have an edge directed inwardly towards the center of the container.

23. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 5, wherein the ribs are substantially triangular in cross-section.

24. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 5, wherein a top part of the container carrying the ribs is rotatable relative to the remaining container.